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POETRY.



From the Baltimore Patriot. SALT RIVER SONG. Tune- Rosin the Bow. The steamer is now about starting, Away up Salt River she goes, So rou had better get ready for parting, You pap-fed and bloated Locos.

Gen'ral Cass, who is her Commander. Once 'stuck on a stump,' it is true, But then there can never be danger, When Polk is along with his crew

A mug craft I'm sure you will find her, And Ritchie, the great organ grinder, Will cheer you while gliding along.

Pet Butler ' will 'tend to the dishes, And if you split open you britches, Old Marey will pay for the tear.

This steamer is truly a beauty, Sar's paid not a copper for duty, Sir Robert imported her free.

The river is said to be shoully, The channel not easy to find, And she must move onward quite slowly. With the . Baltimore platform ' behind

But if, when you're weary with pushing, His face a vile Mexican shows, You can call for your Pillow and Cushing, And rest without caring for foes.

If ever your engine stops puffing, And you wish to start up a breeze. ou must get John Calboun to snuffing, And South Carolina will snee 20.

Ye who liv'd in Uncle Sam's nest, Be careful to do ' nothing rash,' Though from office you go by request,

Come, Whige, then, let us bid them adieu, And pray they may never come back.

And whilst the steamer's receding from view We'll shout loud and long for OLD ZACK.

Miscellaneous.

MANUAL DEXTERITY IN MANUFAC-TURES.
The "body" of a hat (beaver) is gen-

trally made of one part of "red" wool, three parts Saxony, and eight perts rabbits' ur. The mixing or working up of these ery much upon the dexterity of the work man, and years of long practice are required render a man proficient. The wool and thrate quickly against the particles of brance time, effectually opens the clotted mises, and lays open all the fibres, -these ire, by the manual and wonderful dexterity of the workman, caught in their descent in speculiar manner, and laid in a soft layer of squable thickness. This operation, apprently so simple and easy to be effected, in reality very difficult, and only to be earned by constant practice.

Is type founding, when the melted metal has been poured into the mould, the work

Perfluity or deficiency being occasioned. brush, ladle, or any other appliance; the use it against contagious matter is in pow-Forkmen waxes each cork neatly and ex- der. The well-dried raw bean is to be peditiously, simply by turning the bottle pounded in a mortar, and to be strewed over speide down, and dipping the cork in the a moderately heated iron plate until the melted wax. Practice has enabled the men powder assumes a dark brown tint. Coffeic to do this so neatly, that scarcely any wax acid and the empyreumatic coffee oil, act wallowed to touch the bottle. Again, to more readily in a very minute quantity.—
lura the bottle to its proper position, withLondon Medical Gazette.

out spilling any of the wax, is apparently | FOR RENT-THE BALTIMORE PLATan exceedingly simple matter; but it is only by a peculiar movement of the wrist and hand, impossible to describe, and difficult to imitate, that it is properly effected. One man can seal 100 in an hour?

In pasting and offixing the labels on the blacking bottles, much dexterity is also displayed. As one man can paste as many labels as two can affix, groupes of three are employed in this department. In past ing, the dexerity is shown by the final ouch of the brush, which jerks the label off the heap, and which is caught in the test hand of the workman, and thrown as de. This is done so rapidly, that the three-fold operation of passing, jerking and laying aside, is repeated no less than two thousand times an hour. The affixing of the labels is a very neat and dexterous operation; to the watchful spectator, the hotile is scarcely taken up in his hand, ere it is set down lab'ed. In packing the bottles into casks, much neatness is also displayed.

The heads of certain kinds of oins are formed by a coil or two of fine wire placed at one end. This is cut off from a long coil fixed in a lathe; the workmen cuts off one or two turns of the coil, guided entirely by his eye; and such is the manual dexterity displayed in the operation, that a workman will cut off 20,000 to 30,000 heads without making a single mistake as to the number of turns in each. An expert workman can feeten on from 10,000 to 15 000 of these heads in a day.

The pointing of pins and needles is done safely by the hand. The workman holds 30 or 40 pm lengths in his hand, spread open like a fan; and wonder ut dexterity is shown in bringing each part to the stone, and presenting every point of its circumference to its grinding action. In finally papering needles for sale, the females can count and paper 3000 in an hour.

SOLUTION OF A GREAT GEOGRAPHICAL

Sion after the discovery of America adventurous navigators were employed to Virginia."-Richmond Wh.g. seck for a passage, by water, from the At lantic to the Pacific, along the northern coast of this continent. As early as the reign of E' zabeth it was ascertained that if there were any such passage its perpetual navigation. Still the geographical ques tion continued, and the scientific world was concerned to know whether the continent of America extended to the north pole, or limit was bounded by a continuous reach of those froz n seas, straits, and channels, parts of which had been frequently visited Explorations, both by land and water, were made at different times, until finally the discoveries of Messrs. Simpson and Das. (Officers of the Budson's Bay Company. Schools. There is not a native born child in this quarter? Can it be seriously be in 1838 and 39.) left yet to be surveyed only in the State, old enough to learn, who is lieved, that "the Northwest entire" would a section of the coast, extending westward not able to read and write. In the city of have voted for him, had they distrust. and including the large extent of land called the 10th et April last, \$200,000 were spent ue so highly! For our part, we consid-Boothia Felix, generally represented on maps as en island.

In 1846, the Hidson's Bay Company sent plored portion. He accomplished the task, was lately finished in Charlestown. Anothhis report to the Governor of the Company. the last year, individuals have given \$200, ability to preserve our institutions from in-The principal fact which he ascertained is 000 to Harvard College. that Boothia Felix is a part of North Amer ica-a peninsula, as Capt. Ross supposed nexion with those that preceded them, set tled a long mooted question, and show that, with the exception of Boothin Felix, which and blindstretches as far northward as 74° of latitude, the northern coast of America extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific in a line varying Atlas.

materials is an operation which depends DISINFECTING PROPERTY or COFFEE Coffee is one of the most powerful means not only of rendering animal and vegetable effluvia innocuous, but of actually destroygrare laid on a bench, first separately and ing them. A room in which meat in an en together. The workman takes a ma- advanced degree of decomposition had been tine somewhat like a large violin bow; kept for some time, was instantly deprived his is suspended from the ceiling by the of all smell on an open coffee rosster being addle, a few inches above the bench. - carried through it, containing a pound of he sorkman, by means of a small piece coffee newly roasted. In another room, wood, causes the end of his "bow" to exposed to the offlivium occasioned by the clearing out of a dung pit, so that sulphurretted by drogen and ammonia in great quantities could be chemically detected, the stench was completely removed within hult ing upwards by the action of the string, a minute on the employment of three ounces of fresh-roasted coffee, whilst the other parts of the house were permanently cleared of the same smell by being simply traversed with the coffee roaster, although the cleans ing of the dung-pit continued for several hours after. Even the smell of musk or castoreum, which cannot be overpowered by any other substance, is completely dispelled by the fumes of coffee; and the same man, by a peculiar turn of his hand, or applies to the odors of assafædita. It was rather jerk, causes the metal to be shaken remarked, however, that in general animal most little minute interstices of the mould. effluvia are more readily affected by it than In manufacturing imitative pearls, the vegetable. That here an acidal neutralizaghis head forming the pearl has two holes tion, and not a mere envelopment of matis exterior; the liquid made from a ter, takes place is shown from this; that pearl-like powder, is inserted into the hollow the first fumes of the coffee are impercepof the head, by a tube, and by a peculiar tible, and continue so until a point of satutwist of the hand, the single drop intro- ration, so to speak, is reached, whereupon duced is caused to spread itself over the the obnoxious smell disappears, and that of shale surface of the interior, without su- the coffee predominates. The reverse happens with other aromatic vapors; and even In waxing the corks of blacking bottles, with acetic acid and chlorine. Here both much eleverness is displayed. The wax co exist until the one completely preponmelted in an open dish, and without derates. The simplest form in which to

Possession given on the 4th of March, 1849, at which time the present occupants will make their disappearance through its trap doors and sliding pannels. At the same time and place, will be sold all the properties, wardrobe, scenes and scene shif ters of the late Baltimore Convention; including likenesses of Gen. Cass, issued from the Penitentiary, black on one side and white on the other; portraits of the same individual, representing him in a pious attitude " praying for the abolition of elavery every where ;" another portrait of the General standing erect upon the "Southern (Deputy) Platform." A'so, portraits of Marin Van Buren (after Richie) some representing him as a " Northern man with Sauthern principles," and others as a Northern man with no principles at all. Also, machines for manufacturing Democratic thunder and " false lightning " for influence ing Pennsylvania; a Miniature of the del egate who promised Cass and Butler 30,-000 majority in that State; and a Daguerrectype of the Virginian who speke of 12,000 in the Old Dominion. Estimates of the Jackson De nocratic Association of the P. esidential election - (liberal discounts made for Clay estimates in 1841)

This lease will be for a term of four years, renewable forever at the option of

Any one bidding liberally for the above rticles will be furnished gratis with a large number of War-cries, such as " Free Soil and "Free Special" and "Free Fighting !" - " Organize !" " Warn the Committee!" " Vigilance!" and the "Resolu-tions of '98 and '99." A'so, a large lot of Democratic faith in the " patriotism, intelligence and discriminating justice of the American people," injured by the late Tayor humcane; and an old organ, whose notes were once heard over Virginia, but which is now wheesy, cracked, and out of tune,-though still, capable of playing the well know air of " Carry me back to Old

TRUE PROGRESS.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is burning and a shining light. She is an example of the true progress of a nationobstruction by ice would make it useless for not that barbarian progress in the arts of as many States as Taylor. He has also war and bloodshed of which such conquer, the same number of slaveholding States. ors as Alexander, and Tamerlane, and Alaric have furnished the examples-but Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iothe progress of human virtue, intelligence, wa, and Missouri. All the territory conwhether, short of that extent; its northern civil zition, and true happiness; not the ered by the ordinance of 1787, has signiprogress which ruins neighboring nations, fied its preference for him." that which improves, enriches, exalts, and adorns our own.

high school just finished in Cambridge, with

The State is building a reform school for vagrant and exposed children, which will it to be. His explorations, taken in con- cost more than \$100,000. An unknown individual has given \$20,000 towards it. The State educates all the deaf, dumb,

> Last winter the Lagislature made an apropriation to establish a school for idiots. institutions as other States are now enga-

A MINORITY PRESIDENT.

-Trenton Gazette.

'If Taylor is elected President, it is by minority of the popular vote. He has simply a plurality in New York, Pennsyl-Vermont, Connecticut, and other States. This is the first time in our hisory that such an event has happened."

So says the Editor of the Daily Wis onsin,' by way of consolation for the defeat of his own candidate. We take occasion, however, to assure him that he has not correctly stated 'our history.' We have had at least two Presidents who did not receive a majority of the popular vote, one of whom is the present Democratic incumbent of that office, who (three tickets having been before the people,) was in a minority by some thousands .- Nat Int.

Major General Games will probably be assigned to the command of the Second or Western Division of the Army of the United | life. States, as soon as it is vacated by General Taylor. The Secretary of War has expressed his opinion in favor of the appointment of General Games, provided the President will sanction it-of which he has no doubt .- N. Y. Day Book.

The only female Free Mason we ever having been detected in the act of over- sons voted for Gen. Teylor. If any can looking the proceedings of a lodge in her beat this, let us hear from them. I have father's house, was forced to take the de ten sons, but one of them is a political ga gah-bowh, or The Firm Standing; but grees. She used afterwards to walk in the transgressor." Masonic processions, and her portrait is to be seen in almost every lodge in Ireland.

If we talked less about other people, other people would talk less about us.

MEETING OF THE GREEKS.

We are told that his Excellency Governor Johnson and General Taylor had s very warm meeting on the warf boat at Baton Rouge, on the return of the Governor to the city. We may as well observe, that though belonging to opposite parties, the most cordial feeling has always existed between the Governor and

"How do you do, General !" exclaimed his Excellency, in his usual cordial and courteons style. 'I am happy to see you.

"The happiness is reciprocated," res pended the General, with equal warmth " Well, General," continued the Gov ernor. 'You made a better run than hought you would. You must have been in good training to have come out so handsomely in the race.

"Ob, no," replied the General, 'it was only an old field training."

" Well, General, I congratulate you, but I must also add, I wish you a happy deliverance from that portion of your duties which relates to the distribution of offices. There's the rub. These executive offices would be very snug berths, if it were not for the Nessian shirt of patronage. I can peak experimentally on the subject.

" Well, Governor, I assure you that other people thought as I do about the Presidency, Congress would have to pass a law to compel people to take it.'

"That declaration, General, satisfies ne," responded his Excellency, 'that you are good enough politician to pass among those cute fellows you will have around you in Washington.' And after exchanging good wishes, the two distinguished gentlemen parted, with the best feelings.

This conversation, we think, not only gives an insight into the characters of these wo patriotic citizens, but involves a great deal of projound philosophy .- New Or leans Deltas

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY FOR THE SOUTH

The Philadelphia Pennsylvanian having given a table showing the electoral vote for the two principal candulates for the Presidency, says:

" It will be noted that Case has exactly Cass carries the North West entire-Onio,

Is it not passing strange, we submit it to Southern men to decide, that General Last year the people of Massachusetts Cass should have carried all the Wilmot coluntarily taxed themselves about a mil. Proviso region, if he has been so "true to tion of dollars for the support of Common the South," as we have been constantly told in building public school houses. The er it the most auspicious aspect of the election, that General Taylor is chosen our two other school houses, cost \$25,000 - President, with the votes of Ohio and S. Union, thrown against him. That circumand on the 10th of September last, made or at Newburyport cost \$25,000. Within stance alone is a strong guaranty of his ternal disaster .- Richmond Times.

PERPETUAL MOTION.

This long sought for object has at last been accomplished. Mr. Chas. W. Richter, one of our citizens, has constructed a wheel which is acted upon by gravity, and gives it that motion for which many have long labored in vain to obtain. The ma-These are the new charities and works chine consists of a wheel of some six inchlittle from 70° of north latitude. - Cin. of philanthropy in which Massachusetts is es in diameter, which has a given number engaged. She has already finished such of small arms an inch and a half in length, high. which, when acted upon by the agency ged in establishing. She is from thirty to that propels the machine, are extended on fifty years ahead of the age. Following one side of the wheel and drawn up on the other, and keeps the wheel in motion. Mr. her example, let all endeavor to progress. Richter is a watchmaker by trade, and the machine bears the mark of superior workmanship. A number of our citizens ason vesterday evening, and displayed numerous fireworks, and rent the air with loud shouts and huzzas in honor of Chas. W. Richter, the inventer of perpetual motion. Further notice will be given when the machine is ready to be submitted for

> WHOLL BE PRESIDENT, MARCH 4TH ? The Journal of Commerce maintains

Sunday, the 4th of March, even if General Taylor should not take the oath of office until the 5th. The President pro. tem. of the Senate, Mr. Atchison, of Missouri, it is said, would be acting President of the of the vacation of the Presidential and Vice Presidential offices. A nice question now arises. The President of the U. States retains the franking privilege for Will Mr. Atchison be entitled to it?

BEAT THIS WHO CAN.

The Mercer (Pa.) Whig contains the fol lowing card, from a veteran Whig, of Salem township, in that county :

"I have heard some boasting of large family voting. At the late Presidential hear in the Methodist Church, a " Native heard of was the flon. Miss St. Leger, who, election, myself, nine sons, and eight grand JOHN LEECH.

EDUCATION.

Ohio, it is said, has more colleges in than any other State in the Union, though she is only about fifty years old.

Charlotte Journal.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1848.

Correspondence of the Charlotte Journal. Sunday Reading.

You see persons of every grade, draw

ing towards one common centre, all appear ing to be actuated by one common motive. The centre is the church, the motive the worship of a God. Half of the throne may be hypocrites, yet there is something The verdict is registered elsewhere. real, something worthy in the day's pur suit, or there would be no excuse for the hypocricy. You join the throng in the morning, you are found in it in the afternoon, and night finds you among its numbere; and you retire to your room-unless Atheism or Scepticism has closed your heart to all religious emotions-you retire to your room, impressed with the holy sanc rity of the Sabbath : that day,

"When every broath should want to Heaven,

Incomes from a heart forg ven." The excellent Doctor Adam Clarke says

"Even in a state of innocence, when all was perfection and excellence, when God was clearly discovered in all his works, every place being his temple, every moment a time of worship, and every object an incitement to religious reverence and adora tion, even then, God chose to consecrate a seconth part of the time to his more especial worship, and to hallow it unto his service by a perpetual decree. shall dare to reverse this order of God ?"

God himself reated on the Sabbath day, "wherefore he blessed and hallowed ir:" and hallowed it has remained, from that day to this. And, although nearly six thousand from Parray's straits of the Fury and Heels. Boston, during the three months preceding ed his loyalty to the ordinance they val- years have borne the carth as many revo lutions around the sun, and though temporrevolutions have marked upon the page. of Time the rise and fall of 'empires, and out John Rac, E-q. to survey this unex. Another, of splendid and costly character, Carolina, the political extremes of the the existence and decay of nations; and made the philosophy and wisdom of one century, appear error and superstition in another; yet through the multiplied cycles of ages, through the mutations of human affairs, and through the fogs of superstition and error, this day has come down to the present time,' attended with the history of its divine institution and surrounded by the precepts which urge its observance : and to day sees the Gentile, as that day saw the Jew, repairing to the tabernacle of the most

To-day, I have (what is not usual with me) heard three sermons. In the forenoon I attended the Rev. Mr. Lacy's (Presbyterino) Church. Mr. Lucy took his text in Hebrews, 1st chap. 1st and 2d verses : "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, bath in these last days, spoken to us by his Son." His discourse was good, sometimes elequent, throughout impressive. Mr. Cook, Principal of the the examination of the public .- Madison Deaf and Dumb Asylum had his scholars present in the front gallery, and as the sermea was delivered translated it to them by sign manual. This was a very interesting that we shall not be without a President on part of the service, the mutes evincing their appreciation of what they comprehended by eignificant eigns.

In the afternoon I went to hear Dr. Ma son in the Episcopal Church. His text was United States for one day, as in the case taken from Galatians, 2d chap. 17th verse. The Doctor is a close reasoner; stating his argument logically, and pursuing his sub ject to the close, without losing the end he has in view when he sets out. He can convince the understanding, but is too cold in declamation, to warm the heart, or elicit that spontaneity of sympathy from an audience, which fervid eloquence does.

In the evening, after 7 P. M. I went to American"-an Indian Minister from the Chippewa tribe, his name is Chief Kah-gehe is called Mr. G. Copway. He took his Ellis. It was offered by Mr. Hicke of Matext in John, 12th chap, latter clause of the 20th vorse : " If any man serve me, him deal the past year from a failure in their powill my father honor."

His sermon was listened to with a great | Monday 4. The most of the time to-day

deal of attention and respect. His use of the English was, though not perfect in its grammatical construction, very good and distinct in its pronunciation. He gave frequent rein to his imagination, and was quite eloquent, in that peculiar style of eloquence No matter what a man's religious views characterizing his race. His imagery was may be; whether he be a Socinian, a Pel- sometimes beautiful. He spoke of the hour gian, a Jew or a Gentile; if he spend the of prayer as one " when a golden chain exabole of a Sabbath day in attendance on tended from the man engaged in it to Heaven divine worship, he must feel, that whether conveying with more than electric certainty he agrees with the doctrines of those he and speed his praise and adoration and bringhears, or disagrees, still, that the "Sabbath ing back to his heart the blessings attenwas made for man, and not usan for the Sab- dant on grace." In speaking of the good bath;" and that it is more becoming in ra- which dwells in everything he said, "I tional creatures, more consistent with their see it in the trembling stars, I hear it in denendence on Heaven, to rest from their the rustling leaf. It speaks in the flower abours, and spend one day in thanksgiving. which decks the mountain brow, and in prayer and repose. I repeat, that the that which blossoms upon the lowly vale .weight of argument in favor of some such The mind which passed by, whispers it in respite, forces itself, very forcibly upon the 'my ears: above me, below me, around me, mind, after a whole day's attendance on the I feel it." This accompanied with approordinances instituted for its observance by priate gesticulation had considerable effect upon his audience.

> Thus has my Sabbath been spent to-day, whether it has been well or ill spent, depends upon whether my interest in it and its observances, has been dictated by proper motives : and as it is with me, so it is with all.

J. L. B.

Raleigh, Nov. 26, 1848.

RALEIGH, Dec. 4, 1849.

Legislative Proceedings.

On Saturday Dec. 2, 3 bills of imporance were inwoduced into the Legislature calculated, if some definitive action be had upon them, to produce some good, or make a considerable change in the existing state of the things to which they refer.

1st. A bill affecting the regulation of the School Fund. It proposes this change .-That the fund be distributed according to the basis of a White Population, and not seat present according to federal population. COMMENT.

Such a modification of the Law, regulaing the disbursement of the School Fund, s nothing more than equity calls for. A giance at the subject will make this evident. At present where there is the greatest number of negroes, and where there is the fewest number of children, and where consequently there is the greatest ability among the people, to school their children, there is distributed the largest amount to each child. Where there is the emallest number of the wealthy persons owning large stocks of negroes, where there is the largest number of children, and consequently the least ability to school them, there, there is destributed the smallest amount to each

Such a law does not operate equally upon portions of the State differently circumstanced, and should be amended in the manner proposed in the bill alluded to, offered by Mr. Sheek of Surry. 2d. A bill by Tod R. Caldwell to increase

the Revenue of the State, by imposing a tax on articles not now taxed, viz : on Pleasure Carriages, Watches, Gold and Silver Plate, &c., &c. And on Lawyer's and Doctor's, incomes. This is smiler to a bill that passed in the Virginia Legislature several years ago, and which raised that State from a condition of indebtedness, under which it had been a long time groaning .-We do not commit our views however at this time on this question but will go so far as to say we believe some amendment should be made to the Revenne Laws by which more money (to speak plainly) should go into the Public Treasury of the State.

31. A bill, recommending that an enquiry be made into the causes of the Potato rot or disease, to find out whether it be curable or not, and suggesting that --- dollars be applied out of the Treasury from funds not otherwise appropriated, to send to our Ministers and Consuls, resident in Foreign Countries where the potato is indigenous, for the purchase of the apple fruit, or true seed of it. And that they be deposited when received here in suitable places, for distribution among growers, &c.

The reading of this bill, caused quite an uproar of merriment, the Speaker, the Clerk reading it, and all joining in the general titter, or rather laugh. The Clerk (Colonel Paine acting at the time,) could with great difficulty proceed, with the reading of it .-It was read the second time with less laughter and after that, met with the consideration it eminently deserved. It was referred to a Select Committee, upon motion of Mr. con whose constituents have suffered a good

tato crop.